## **BEFORE THE**

# LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation Regarding the )	
Feasibility of Implementing a Renewable )	Docket No. R-28271
Standard Portfolio for the Jurisdictional )	
Electric Utilities in the State of Louisiana )	

Geaux Green Green Pricing Tariff – Pilot Program 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report

# Green Power Pilot Program Quarterly Report July 2007

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#### I. Introduction

In Docket R-28271, the commission approved the implementation of a voluntary Green Pricing Tariff (GPT) pilot program at Entergy Gulf States, Inc ("EGS"). This program titled *Geaux Green* began April 1, 2007 and is scheduled to run until March 31, 2008. It offers all customer classes the opportunity to purchase 100 kWh blocks of green power for a price premium of \$2.25 per block. Customers that choose to participate and remain in EGS's service territory must commit to remain in the program until completion of the pilot.

Customers interested in learning more about the *Geaux Green* program can get information from visiting the website <a href="www.geauxgreen.com">www.geauxgreen.com</a> which provides general information about the program and allows customers to request an information packet and contract or by calling the dedicated *Geaux Green* number 1-877-847-3364. If customers decide to participate, they fill out the contract and mail it in the pre-addressed envelope.

## II. Energy Supply

## A) Geaux Green Energy Contracted

On February 2, 2007, Entergy Gulf States submitted a request for renewable energy supply for the *Geaux Green* pilot program. This request generated two bids from biomass suppliers Agrilectric Power Partners, LLP and Lake Charles Cane – Lacassine Mill, LLC.

Agrilectric Power Partners, LLP. bid 40,000 MWh. It began operation in 1983 and is not Ecopower or Green–e certifiable. The power will be generated by burning rice hulls and delivered over the twelve month pilot.

Lacassine Mill, LLC. bid 19,000 MWh. It began operation in 2006 and is potentially EcoPower or Green—e certifiable. The power will be generated by burning bagasse, the fibrous remains left after juice extraction from sugar can stalks. The electricity will be delivered during the sugar cane harvest season that runs from September through February.

From these bids, 19,000 MWh from Lacassine and 21,000 MWh from Agrilectric were selected based on Order R-28271, which requires that post 1997 generation be given preference over pre 1997 generation.

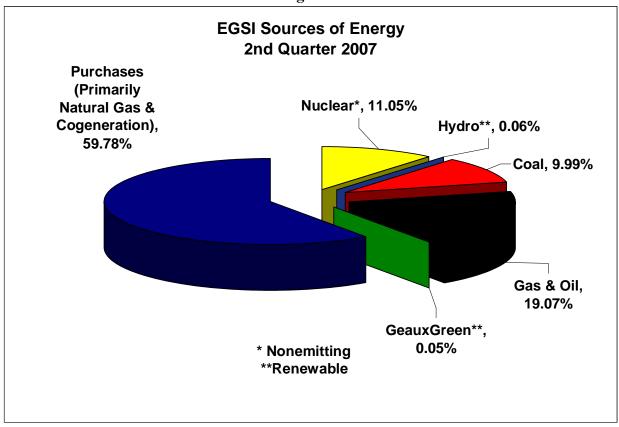
## B) Geaux Green Energy Delivered (April – June)

- **Lacassine** No energy delivered.
- Agrilectric

	April	May	June
KWh	1,842,000	1,165,000	1,708,000
Monthly Avg Avoided Cost	5.5¢	5.6¢	5.5¢
Geaux Green Payment	5.9¢	5.9¢	5.9¢

The MWhs generated for this pilot are part of the overall energy portfolio used to meet the energy needs of EGS customers. **Figure 1** shows the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2007 energy source profile for EGS. It is available on <a href="www.geauxgreen.com">www.geauxgreen.com</a> and will be updated quarterly. This information will also be included on the bill insert to be presented to customers in August.

Figure 1



## III. Marketing and Promotional Plan

#### A) Marketing Overview

The *Geaux Green* plan primarily utilizes broadcast media and billing contacts (radio, billboards, bill inserts, newspaper, etc.) to provide general education and awareness of the program. This diverse approach allows multiple opportunities to grab a customer's attention.

# Program Name: Geaux GREEN

- This name was chosen because of its unique and positive relation to Louisiana. It is easy to remember, and provides an inherent call to action. The initial response to the name has been extremely favorable.
- **Objective:** Market and create awareness through paid media and available internal message media of Entergy's Green Power Tariff giving customers in the EGS LA service

area the option to pay a minimal premium on their electric bill to ensure that a portion of their electricity bill goes toward the procurement of renewable resources.

• Media: We have chosen radio, outdoor, online, print media in special opportunity venues, bill inserts, bill messaging and remittance envelope messaging to reach our audience. The mass media plan is front loaded to build interest and create momentum and we will maintain awareness through PR efforts and internal distribution mechanisms through the later part of the pilot program. We are researching promotional items and cross promotional opportunities to further extend awareness of the program. Adjustments will be made to the plan as we progress through the year.

## B) Summary of Geaux Green Marketing Customer Touches

The following statistics illustrate the number of customer interactions as of second quarter 2007.

#### • Radio and Billboard

- o Baton Rouge Effective Reach = 88.5% In the Baton Rouge market, 403,340 adults 18+ have seen or heard the Entergy *Geaux Green* message at least three times.
- o Lafayette Effective Reach = 90.4% In the Lafayette market 343,700 adults 18+ have seen or heard the Entergy *Geaux Green* message at least three times.
- Lake Charles Effective Reach = 87.8%
   In the Lake Charles market, 119,232 adults 18+ have seen or heard the Entergy *Geaux Green* message at least three times.
- **Internet** (www.geauxgreen.com) 1,907 total views with 1,368 coming from unique accounts
- **Bill Inserts** 982,381 delivered (March 280,902, April 350,352, May 179,493, June 171,634)
- **Bill Messages** Monthly customer bill messages announcing the availability of Green Power and the *Geaux Green* website ran April 9-June 18. They will also run July 23-Aug 20 and Oct 29-Nov 26.

### C) Radio

EGS began a three week radio launch in April. Ads are running every other week through the end of October 2007 on the original proposed station list and the LA Network (Gulf States markets only) during the off weeks to supplement reach and frequency at very reasonable per spot costs. The list of stations is shown in **Figure 2**. This will allow a constant presence throughout the media schedule.

As part of the media plan EGS is asking stations for a link on the radio station website that will take listeners to www.geauxgreen.com for more information on the pilot program and how to sign up.

Over 70% of our target audience listens to the radio during morning and afternoon drive-time. Our research shows that country, news/talk and contemporary hit radio are the most listened to formats for this demographic so we are targeting stations with these formats first.

Three :30 second spots have been developed to introduce and promote the program.

The first radio spot (**Figure 3**) will let consumers in the Gulf States Louisiana service area know that Green Power is available and the name of the program is G E A U X Green.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> radio spots (**Figures 4 and 5**) will name specific parishes (all parishes in Gulf States Louisiana service area) to provide more detail on where the program is available and give some ownership to the customers of the program. The parishes were split between two spots which will alternate in the on-air schedule.

Additional spots will be produced as necessary through the course of the campaign.

Figure 2

# Geaux Green Radio Campaign

## **Radio Stations**

<u>City</u>	<b>County</b>	<b>Station</b>	<u>Dial</u>	<b>Format</b>
Baton Rouge	E. Baton Rouge	WYNK-FM	101.5	Country
Baton Rouge	E. Baton Rouge	WJBO-AM	1150	News Talk
Lafayette	E. Baton Rouge	KPEL-FM	105.1	News Talk
Lafayette	Lafayette	KSMB-FM	94.5	CHR
Lafayette	Lafayette	KMDL-FM	97.3	Country
Lake Charles	Calcasieu	KYKZ-FM	96.1	Country

## **LA Network - Gulf States LA Market**

## **Baton Rouge**

<b>Station</b>	<u>Dial</u>
WXOK-AM	1460
KKAY-AM	1590
KQKI-FM	95.3
WFPR-AM	1400
WCDV-FM	103.3

# Lafayette

<b>Station</b>	
KJCB-AM	770
KVPI-FM	92.5
KSLO-AM	1230
KEUN-AM	1490
KSIG-AM	1450
KPEL-FM	105.1
KMDL-FM	97.5
KANE-AM	1240
KRDJ-FM	93.7

## **Lake Charles**

<b>Stations</b>	
KQLK-FM	97.9
KKGB-FM	101.3
KAOK-AM	1400
KXZZ-AM	1580

## Figure 3

## RADIO SCRIPT 1

Entergy Green Power :30 Radio "Teaser"

Anner: (Female)

You know the phrase...good as gold... maybe it should be good as green...

Announcing...for the first time, Green Power is available in Louisiana... and it's provided by a name you know...Entergy Gulf States...

Entergy Gulf Sates Louisiana Customers can now purchase a portion of your electricity from an earth-friendly energy source.

And when you choose to buy Green Power, you're using renewable energy sources that will protect our environment, help our climate, and preserve our planet for years to come.

And that's good as gold...

So Geaux Green...it's a good choice for Louisiana.

For more information go to GEAUXGREEN dot com.

That's G E A U X GREEN dot com.

## Figure 4

#### **RADIO SCRIPT 2**

Entergy Green Power Radio :30 "What is Geaux Green?"

MUSIC UP: Upbeat/Cajun-ish

Anner: In St Martin, St Landry, St James...

WOMAN: What is Geaux Green, G-E-A-U-X Green?

Anner: In Iberia, Iberville, Ascension...

MAN: What is this G-E-A-U-X Green?

Anner: In Calcasieu, Cameron, Acadia?

WOMAN: Geaux Green?
MAN: Geaux Green?
WOMAN: G-E-A-U-X Green?

Anner; Green Power is available in Louisiana and it's provided

by a name you know...Entergy Gulf States...

We call it Geaux Green, G-E-A-U-X

spelled the Louisiana way

For more information visit Geaux Green.com...

G-E-A-U-X Green.com...

It's a good choice for Louisiana....

## Figure 5

#### **RADIO SCRIPT 3**

Entergy
Green Power Radio
:30 "What is Geaux Green?" #2

MUSIC UP: Cajan-ish

Anner: In Baton Rouge, Feliciana, Jefferson Davis

WOMAN: What is Geaux Green, G-E-A-U-X Green?

Anner: In LaFayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee

MAN: What is this G-E-A-U-X Green?

Anner: In Vermilion too...

WOMAN: Geaux Green?
MAN: Geaux Green?
WOMAN: G-E-A-U-X Green?

Anner; Green Power is available in Louisiana and it's provided

by a name you know...Entergy Gulf States Louisiana.

We call it Geaux Green, G-E-A-U-X

spelled the Louisiana way

For more information visit Geaux Green.com...

G-E-A-U-X Green.com...

It's a good choice for Louisiana....

## D) Outdoor Billboard

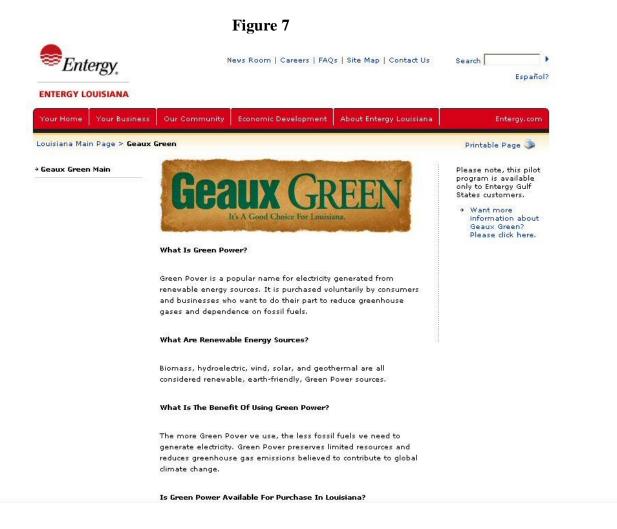
EGS placed one outdoor board in each of the three major cities in the targeted area, Baton Rouge (one year contract), Lafayette and Lake Charles (6 month contracts). Outdoor boards offer a cost efficient way to reach motorists in these more populated areas over a longer period of time. The boards serve as a constant reminder that Green power is available through EGS's *Geaux Green* program. Boards are located in high traffic areas along I-10. **Figure 6** shows a picture of the billboard on I-10 in Baton Rouge.

Figure 6



## E) Geaux Green Website

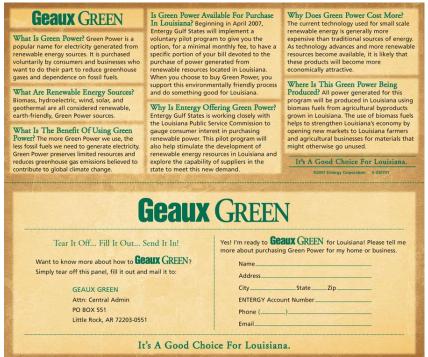
EGS developed the <a href="www.geauxgreen.com">www.geauxgreen.com</a> website, which contains content similar to the informational bill inserts, frequently asked questions and answers, information regarding EGS's sources of fuel, and a link to an email form asking for more information. A screen print from <a href="www.geauxgreen.com">www.geauxgreen.com</a> is shown in **Figure 7**. Hard copy and PDF versions of the *Geaux Green* brochure and contract are available by mail or email to customers upon request. These items are shown as Figures 10-12.



## F) Printed Materials (Geaux Green Bill Insert, Brochure, Contract, and Bill Message)

• **Insert** #1 – (**Figure 8**) Provided *Green Power* education and introduction of *Geaux Green*. This insert was sent to all customers during March (billing cycles 7-21) and April (billing cycles 1-9).





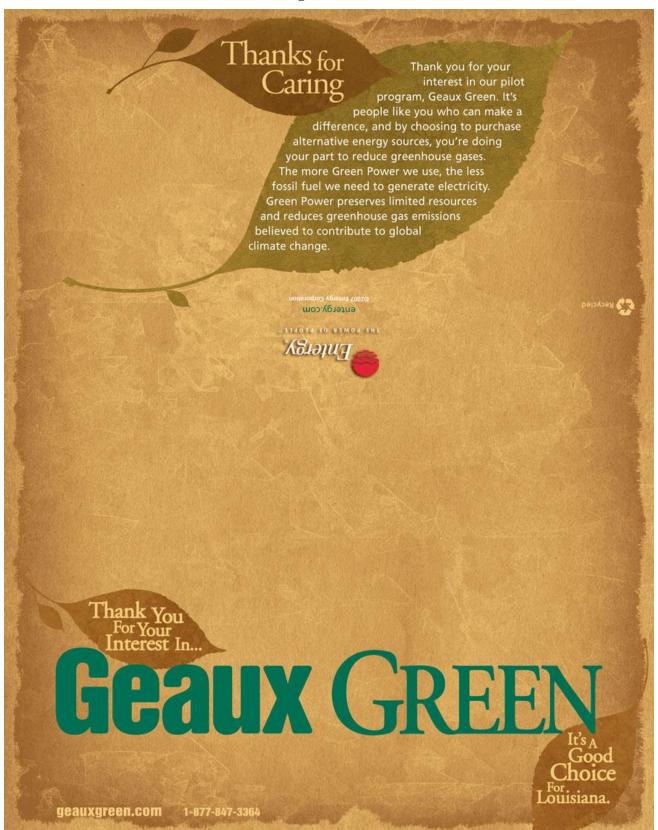
• **Insert** #2 – (**Figure 9**) Provides details about *Geaux Green* including pricing and program specifications including 1-800 number and website for customers to get more information. This insert was sent to customers during April (billing cycles 10-21), May (billing cycles 1-10), and June (billing cycles 11-21). A modified version of insert #2 which includes information regarding EGS's sources of energy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007 is scheduled to run in August. A fourth version of the bill insert is scheduled to run in November.



**Brochure:** Provided to customers seeking further information in conjunction with Contract (Two sided: Outside Panel follows as **Figure 10**; Inside as **Figure 11**) **Figure 10** 



Figure 11



• Contract: Geaux Green Contracts: (Figure 12) Customer contracts are necessary to ensure customer awareness and acceptance of the terms and conditions of the plan and to provide for the continuity of the program via an "evergreen" provision should the Commission determine that the pilot program be extended or made permanent.

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ENTERGY GULF STATES, INC. CONTRACT FOR GREEN PRICI	NG SERVICE	
This Agreement is made(the "Company") and	, 20 betw (the "Custo	een Entergy Gulf States, Inc. mer"), collectively the "Parties".
	he purpose of investigating the fea	") in Docket No. R-28271, General Order sibility of implementing a renewable of Louisiana (the "Pilot"), and
		ch Order to offer a Green Pricing Service al and governmental customers who request
The Customer has requested such s	ervice in accordance with the Ride	r, and
The Company is willing to provide	such service to customer under the	terms of the Rider,
THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agr	ee as follows:	
1. TERM AND CANCELLATION		
date, March 31, 2008. The term		, April 1, 2007, and ends one year from such ne date the Company receives this signed itial term of the Pilot.
<ul> <li>If the Customer terminates ele will be cancelled.</li> </ul>	ectric service and moves from the C	ompany's service territory, this Agreement
transferred to such new locati		•
	the Pilot be extended, the custome rms of the applicable commission of	er will be given the opportunity to cancel this order.
without modification, the con time as is provided in the appl other not less than thirty (30)	tract will be automatically extende licable Commission order unless ter days prior to the end of the initial	ogram is to be made permanent, with or d for successive, one-year periods or for such minated by notice given by one Party to the term or any anniversary thereof. At the end be for contract periods as provided in the
<ul> <li>If this program is cancelled by the date specified in such order</li> </ul>	order of the Commission, all existings.	ng contracts will be terminated on
applicable rates and charges for	Monthly Rate of \$2.25 per kWh Bloc electric service. This GPP Net Mont	s) of 100 kilowatt-hours each ik which shall be in addition to any other thly Rate is subject to adjustment by the inplementing the Pilot will exceed the
3. The Net Monthly Rate of GPP sh	nall not be prorated for a partial se	rvice month.
Entered into this	day of	, 20,
Ву		
(CUSTOMER SIGNATURE)		
Print Name		

• **Bill Messaging:** EGS utilized a message on customers' bills rendered during billing cycles April 9-June18, July 23-Aug 20, and Oct 29-Nov 26. This message as shown in the upper left corner of **Figure 13** provides another venue by which EGS customers may be introduced to the *Geaux Green* program and directed to the *Geaux Green* website. EGS will continue to utilize the bill message in months in which the bill message space is available.

Figure 13

#### Service Location

Entergy Entergy Guif States Louisiana, Inc.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806-7633

www.entergy.com

For Billing Inquiries and Customer Service, call 1-800-ENTERGY Mon-Fri, 7am-7pm

For Power Outages and Safety Concerns, call 1-800-9OUTAGE 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

#### Important Messages

Green Power is now available for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana customers! Geaux Green is a voluntary program that gives you the option to devote a portion of your bill to support the production of electricity generated by a renewable resource right here in Louisiana. For more information: visit us at GEAUXGREEN.COM or call 1 877-847-3364.

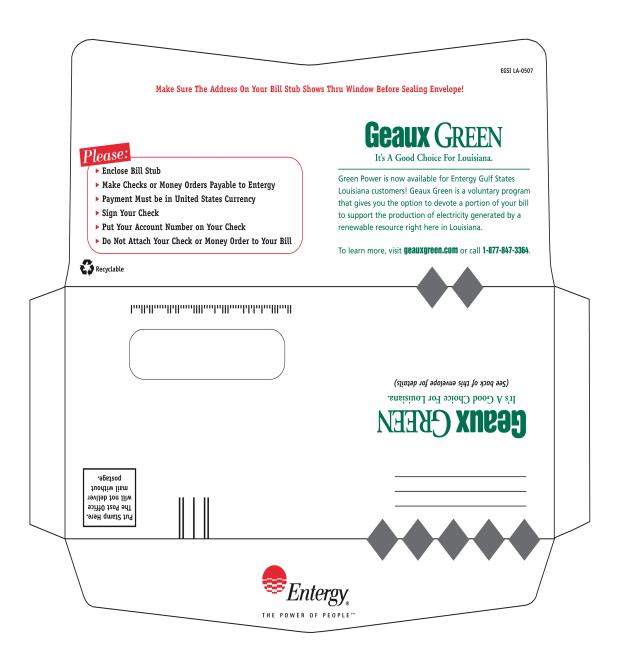
Convenience? Yes! Save on checks, stamps or gas! Receive and pay your bill online with our E-Bill service. For more information, or to enroll in E-Bill, go to www.entergy.com, click on Louisiana, and then select Billing Options.

Entergy may convert your payments by check to an electronic Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) debit transaction. This means that your account may be debited the day after your check is received by Entergy. Although the debit transaction will appear on your bank statement, your check will not be returned to your bank. For more information call 1-888-627-6995.

Account Summary			
Account # Invoice #	Mail Date 07/16/2007	QPC Cycle	04000 10
Amount Due by	08/07/2007	\$149.24	
Amount Due after		\$153.72	
Account Detail			
Previous Balance Payment Received	(06/26/2007)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	43.99 -43.99
Remaining Balance			\$.00
Current Charges			
Customer Charge	******************	00002222000022220	4.46
Energy Charge			65.19
Louisiana PSC Case Credit	4404 1345 @ 60 04		-8.94
Fuel Adjustment Green Power	1424 kWh@\$0.06 1 Blks@\$2.25		86.28 2.25
Current Month Energy Charges			\$149.24
Meter Reading			
Meter #	Rate: GS RS	***************	
Total Days (9)	_		
Current Meter Reading	(07/11/2007)		404
Previous Meter Reading kWh Metered	(07/03/2007)		- 0 404
Meter changed.			404
Meter Reading			
Meter #	Rate: GS RS	>>> CCCCO >>> CCCCO	>>>: CCCCO >>> CCCCO >>
Total Days (21)	Mate. Co_No		
Current Meter Reading	(07/02/2007)		96695
Previous Meter Reading	(06/11/2007)		- 95675
kWh Metered			1020
Meter changed.			

• Remittance Envelope Advertising: Figure 14 shows an example of the advertising message for *Geaux Green* placed on the remittance envelopes that are provided to customers with their monthly bills. This advertisement is another opportunity to introduce the program and direct customers to <a href="www.geauxgreen.com">www.geauxgreen.com</a> for further information.

Figure 14



### **G) Print Advertising**

EGS has reserved dollars for print opportunities that present themselves over the pilot duration. EGS will place the ads to announce the availability of the *Geaux Green* renewable energy option for consumers and to encourage them to visit www.geauxgreen.com for more information. If future opportunities arise, EGS will use selective advertising to tie the *Geaux Green* message to related topics of interest. To date, positive print editorials have run in both Baton Rouge and New Orleans. For example, the following article ran in the Baton Rouge Advocate.

## Figure 15

# Entergy introduces renewable energy initiative

## By MARK BALLARD

Advocate Capitol News Bureau Published: Mar 14, 2007

Starting with their next electric bills, Baton Rouge-area consumers can volunteer to pay about 30 percent more for electricity made with renewable fuels such as wind, solar and other so-called "green" energy.

Customers of Entergy Gulf States Inc. can opt to join a new "Green Pricing Tariff" and pay 2.25 cents per kilowatt hour more on their monthly bills, beginning April 1.

The program aims to establish a new industry that makes electricity using fuels that could eventually cost less and produce less air pollution.

Entergy Gulf States has 364,176 customers from Baton Rouge to the Texas border. It is joining utilities in 23 other states that allow similar voluntary payments.

"This is a good test for us. We'll find out where we're going to get the power and how much of a market we can generate for it," said Jimmy Field of Baton Rouge, who chaired the Public Service Commission in November when it approved the program.

Monthly bills would increase by up to \$33.75 for a typical residential customer in Baton Rouge who uses 1,500 kilowatt hours per month and joins the program.

However, Field said Entergy customers can opt to pay the premium on only part of their bills if they wish.

"That'll only be a few dollars, but it'll still let them help promote the growth of 'green' technology," Field said.

Volunteers can buy "green power" in blocks of 100 kilowatt hours, which would increase monthly bills by \$2.25 per block.

Nearly 600,000 customers purchased green power products in 2005 through similar programs across the nation, according to a November U.S. Department of Energy report.

The idea has failed in some places and succeeded so well in others that it has expanded.

Most markets report about 2 percent of their customers agree to pay a little more, the report stated.

The "green" plan comes as Louisiana falls under federal orders to reduce pollution released into the air. Power plants are a major source of air pollution.

Commissioners also want to reduce the utilities' reliance on high-priced natural gas, which drives up the cost of monthly electric bills.

For the most part, utility companies burn natural gas, oil, coal and nuclear fuels to fire the generators that make electricity.

Alternative-fuel producers will be paid by Entergy up to 6.5 cents per kilowatt hour. The cost of electricity in April for Entergy's Baton Rouge customers is about 5 cents per kilowatt hour.

Two companies have offered to sell Entergy the necessary power:

- Agrilectric Power Inc. of Lake Charles, which makes electricity by burning rice hulls.
- Lacassine Mill LLC near Jennings, which uses sugar cane bagasse the woody residue left after the sugar gets squeezed out.

Buyers don't necessarily get the green power directly. But Entergy will use their money to buy a portion of the electricity from the two renewable facilities to replace a similar amount now made by generators run with fossil fuels.

Entergy will get reimbursed up to \$500,000 for marketing the idea, according to the PSC order setting up the plan.

Entergy will erect billboards, set up a toll-free number and insert information in the next bills mailed, said Entergy spokesman Chanel Lagarde of Jefferson.

One of Entergy's billboards is on westbound Interstate 10 near Dalrymple Drive.

Entergy is preparing a Web site called "geaux green" that would explain that small-scale renewable energy is more expensive now but will become more attractive as technology advances.

## IV. Customer Response as of Quarter End (June 30, 2007)

As of June 30, 188 customers have signed up for *Geaux Green*. **Figure 16** shows metrics regarding customer expressing interest in the program and those that have purchased blocks of power. Customers signing up in the month of June after their billing cycle will not be billed until the July billing cycle. This explains the differential shown between the counts of customers signed up as of June 30 and the customers billed as of June 30. In addition, **Figure 17** and **Figure 18** show Commercial and Industrial Accounts billed and Customers billed by Zip Code as of June 30, respectively.

Figure 16

		rigure 16				
Customer Information Requests/						
Contracts Mailed	April	May	June	Total		
	774	110	76	960		
<b>Customers Billed</b>						
	April	May	June			
Residential	*	49	143			
Commercial	*	4	10			
Industrial	*	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
Total		54	154			
Energy Blocks Billed						
	April	May	June	Total		
Residential	*	269	724	993		
Commercial	*	31	69	100		
Industrial	*	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2		
Total		301	794	1095		

<sup>\*</sup> All customers that contracted for green power in April did so after their billing occurred. Blocks sold in this month appear in the May totals.

Figure 17

## Commercial and Industrial Customers billed as of June 30



Figure 18

Geaux Green Customers Billed in June by Zip Code

Zip Code	Count	Zip Code	Count	Zip Code	Count
					_
70806	28	70607	2	70615	1
70605	16	70663	2	70669	1
70808	14	70665	2	70710	1
70810	11	70737	2	70714	1
70809	9	70748	2	70726	1
70601	7	70767	2	70754	1
70802	6	70775	2	70760	1
70817	6	70508	1	70764	1
70816	5	70518	1	70791	1
70769	4	70529	1	70814	1
70520	3	70558	1	70815	1
70560	3	70559	1	70819	<u>1</u>
70583	3	70570	1	Total	154
70820	3	70578	1		
70512	2	70592	1		

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## V. Budget

**Figure 19** contains a summary level budget for the *Geaux Green* Program. Pursuant to Order R-28271, EGS was directed to develop a marketing and implementation plan to include incremental costs not to exceed \$500,000. Budget details were provided to and discussed with the Staff during the development of the program. The Staff and the Company agreed to keep approximately 20% of the program's budget reserved for contingency use during the initial budgeting process.

Figure 19
Geaux Green Initial Program Incremental Budget

I	Media Placement	Pro	gram Budget
	Radio	\$	92,652
	Outdoor	\$	55,515
	Online	\$	9,707
	Print	\$	15,000
	Media Placement Subtotal	\$	172,874
II	Bill Inserts, Collateral Educational Material	\$	53,400
Ш	Research: Follow up Survey	\$	30,000
IV	Affinity Marketing	\$	35,000
V	Trademark	\$	650
	Total Marketing / Promotion / Production	\$	291,924
VI	Programming / Billing	\$	100,000
VII	Initial Budget Allocated Total	\$	391,924
VII	Initial Budget Reserve Total	\$	108,076

<sup>\*</sup>Charging customers for green power blocks and providing line item billing detail required incremental programming to the Customer Care System. This programming was provided by an outside vendor and was an incremental expense to EGS. In discussion with the Staff, EGS estimated this cost at approximately \$100,000. The final charge for these programming requirements was \$75,500. These changes have been made and the customer bill represented as **Figure 13** shows how the new Green Power charge is presented to customers.

#### VI. Phase II Grassroots Rollout

Beginning in late July, Phase II of EGS's *Geaux Green* campaign will utilize a grassroots approach to communicate program details to customers and customer groups in a face-to-face environment. This phase will augment the customer awareness and education efforts implemented to date.

EGS Louisiana will utilize its existing customer facing organizations (primarily Customer Service Managers and Account Service Managers) to present the *Geaux Green* program to civic groups, large commercial and industrial customers, and other organizations over the remaining months of the pilot program. This approach has already reached 120 commercial and industrial accounts in various business segments. This grassroots approach will add a personal element to the communications of the program and will provide a setting to effectively address questions as they arise.

## VII. Customer Survey

A follow up survey to be conducted by Market Dynamics, Inc. (a local research firm located in New Orleans) will begin in mid August with results made available on October 1, 2007.

The objective of the survey is to understand consumer insights and opinions regading Green Power in Louisiana and on the *Geaux Green* program. Specific objectives of the research included:

- Assess participants' understanding of the green power concept.
- Assess participants' understanding of the *Geaux Green* program.
- Explore opinions regarding the specific messages in the program.
- Explore whether the creative idea in the advertisements communicates the intended message.
- Compile demographic data regarding customers that expressed interest in *Geaux Green* and customers the voluntarily participated in the program.
- Assess interpretation and understanding of messages communicated within campaign.
- Assess issues and attitudes involving the campaign and green power in Louisiana to help determine why customers enrolled or did not enroll in the pilot program.
- Assess geographic and demographic influences in the decision making process.

#### VIII. Initial Comments and Feedback

Through the *Geaux Green* mailbox, EGS occasionally receives comments and/or questions. While most revolve around program details such as pricing, there are occasional subjects that reappear. Commentary usually involves appreciation for the option to select a renewable alternative or a desire to not be charged a premium for renewable energy. Questions

occasionally come from power suppliers, particularly small scale solar generators and potential net metering customers/suppliers, wanting details on how to sell to EGS.

Order R-28271 requires commentary about the reasons why customers did or did not enroll in the program. Although EGS's experience with this program is limited and the answer to this question will be fully researched in the pending survey, there appear to be two major reasons for customers that show some interest in the program deciding not to participate, especially from non-residential accounts. The most widely cited reason is the high cost. The other reason is a concern that renewable energy credits would not be issued. While it appears that the Agrilectric facility will not qualify for EcoPower or Green–e certification, the Lacassine facility may. EGS has attempted to pursue this issue with Lacassine's management in order to coordinate the necessary information required for certification. Lacassine's Management has been unavailable and ELL intends to fully investigate this issue when the owners are available.